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EXAMINING GROUP 1636**

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In re Application of:

David F. CARMICHAEL et al.

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For: HUMAN COLLAGENASE
INHIBITOR, RECOMBINANT
VECTOR SYSTEM FOR USING
SAME AND RECOMBINANT DNA
METHOD FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed October 1, 2003. Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of all outstanding rejections.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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